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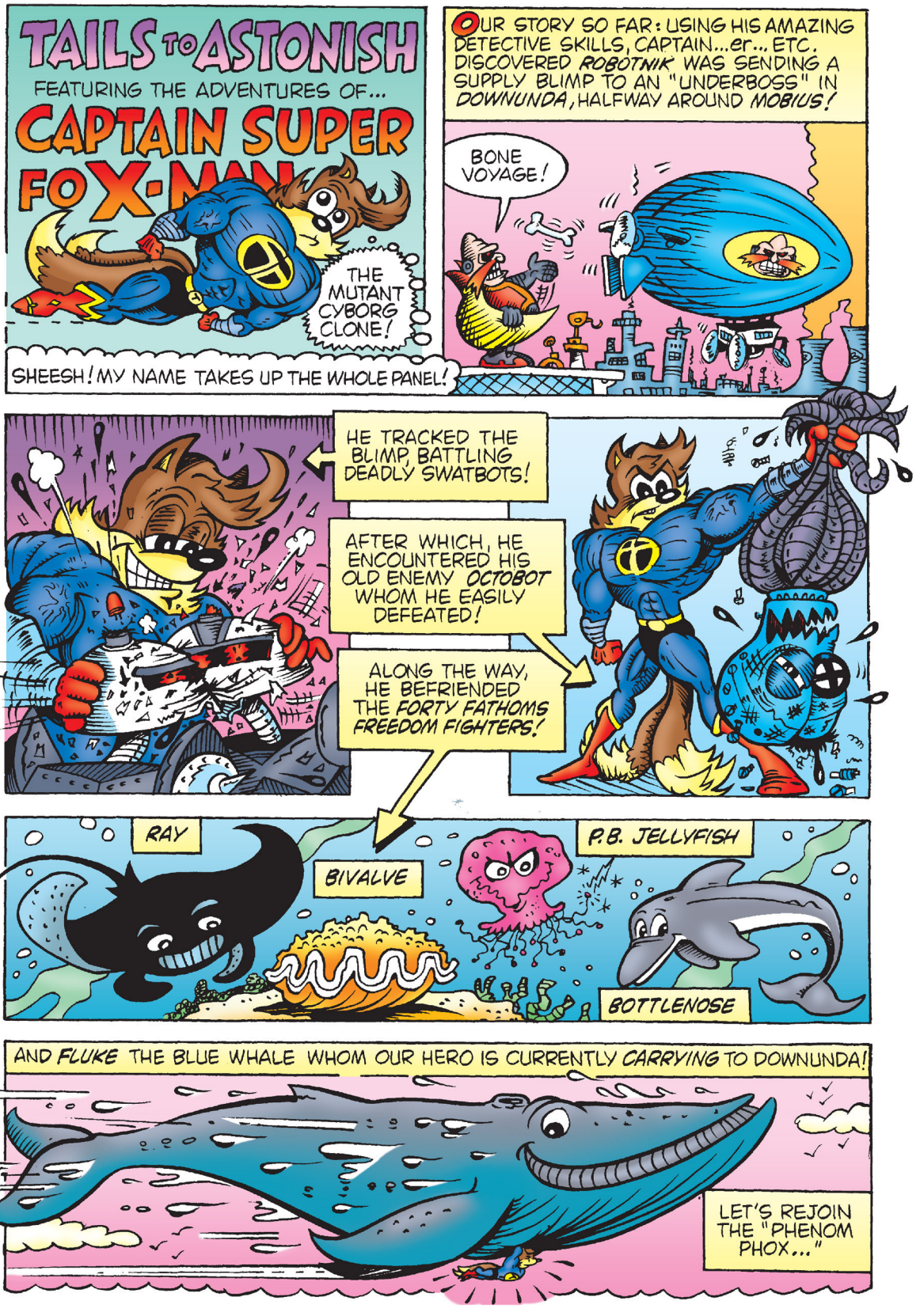
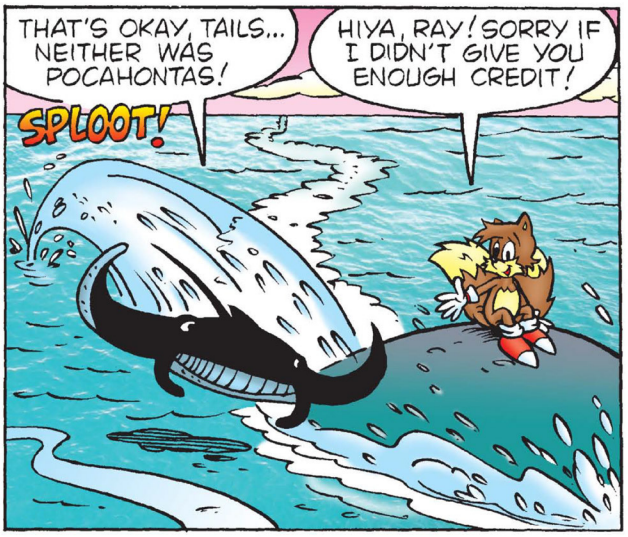
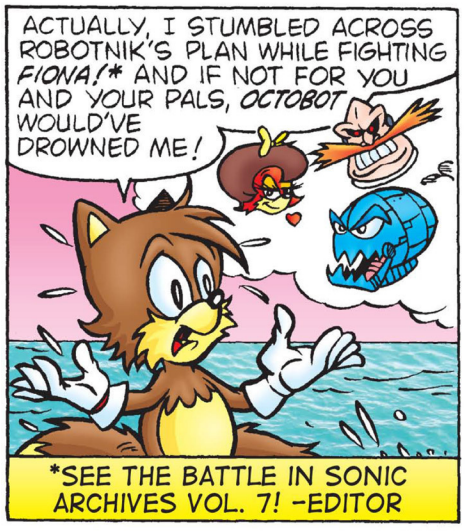
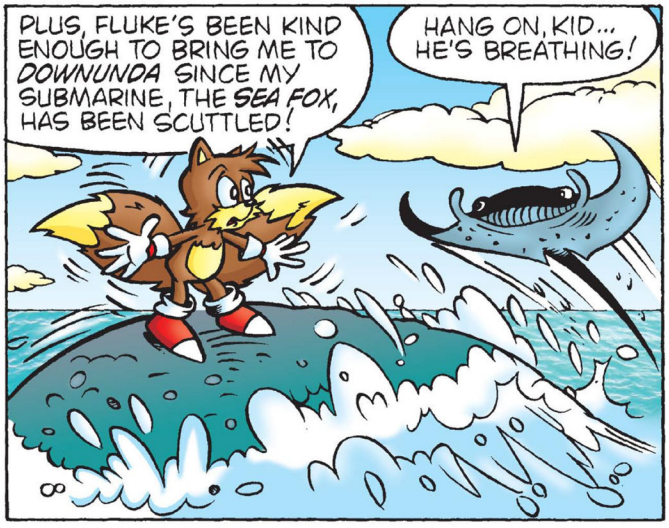
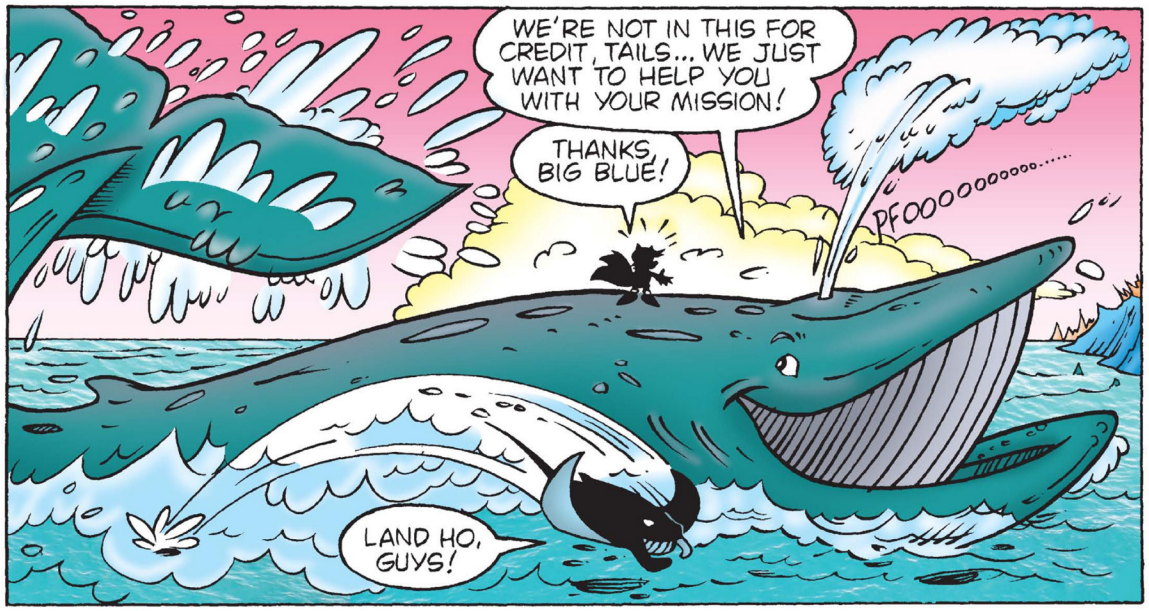

TAILS TO ASTONISH
FEATURING THE ADVENTURES OF...
CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN
THE MUTANT CYBORG CLONE!
SHEESH! MY NAME TAKES UP THE WHOLE PANEL!
OUR STORY SO FAR: USING HIS AMAZING DETECTIVE SKILLS, CAPTAIN...er... ETC. DISCOVERED ROBOTNIK WAS SENDING A SUPPLY BLIMP TO AN "UNDERBOSS" IN DOWNUNDA, HALFWAY AROUND MOBIUS!
BONE VOYAGE!
HE TRACKED THE BLIMP, BATTLING DEADLY SWATBOTS!
AFTER WHICH, HE ENCOUNTERED HIS OLD ENEMY OCTOBOT WHOM HE EASILY DEFEATED!
ALONG THE WAY, HE BEFRIENDED THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
RAY
BIVALVE
P.B. JELLYFISH
BOTTLENOSE
AND FLUKE THE BLUE WHALE WHOM OUR HERO IS CURRENTLY CARRYING TO DOWNUNDA!
LET'S REJOIN THE "PHENOM PHOX..."

HMM... I'M TAKING A FEW LIBERTIES WITH THE "FACTS" IN MY COMIC BOOK... IT'S NOT REALLY HISTORICALLY *ACCURATE!*
TTA
by MILES PROWER


THAT'S OKAY, TAILS... NEITHER WAS POCAHONTAS!
HIYA, RAY! SORRY IF I DIDN'T GIVE YOU ENOUGH CREDIT!
SPLOOT!


ACTUALLY, I STUMBLED ACROSS ROBOTNIK'S PLAN WHILE FIGHTING *FIONA!** AND IF NOT FOR YOU AND YOUR PALS, *OCTOBOT* WOULD'VE DROWNED ME!
*SEE THE BATTLE IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7! -EDITOR


PLUS, FLUKE'S BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO BRING ME TO *DOWNUNDA* SINCE MY SUBMARINE, THE *SEA FOX*, HAS BEEN SCUTTLED!
HANG ON, KID... HE'S BREATHING!


WE'RE NOT IN THIS FOR CREDIT, TAILS... WE JUST WANT TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR MISSION!
THANKS, BIG BLUE!
PFOOOOOOOOO.....
LAND HO, GUYS!

TAILS™ IN SOUTHERN CROSSOVER PART II

:gasp:

DOWNUNDA!

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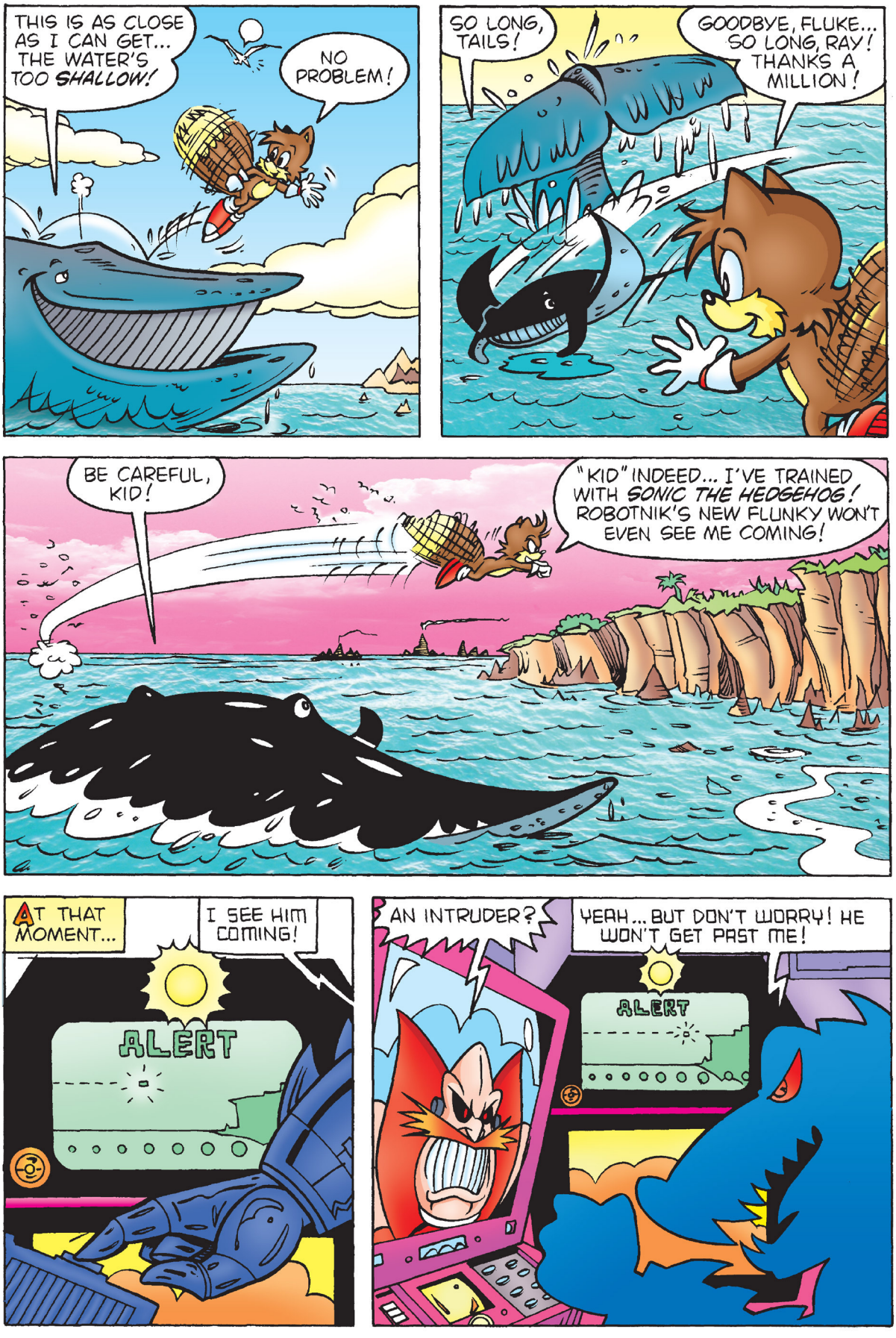
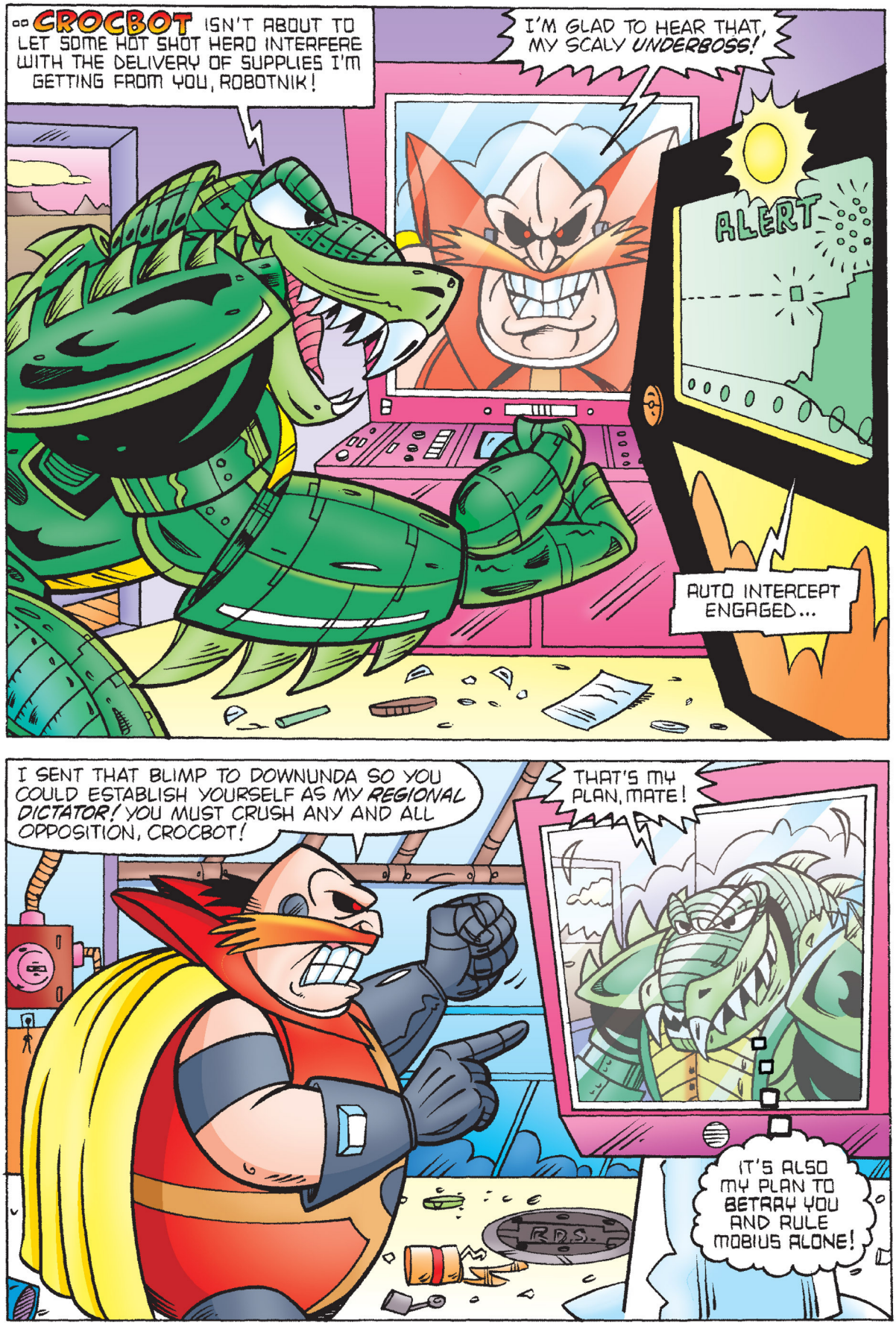
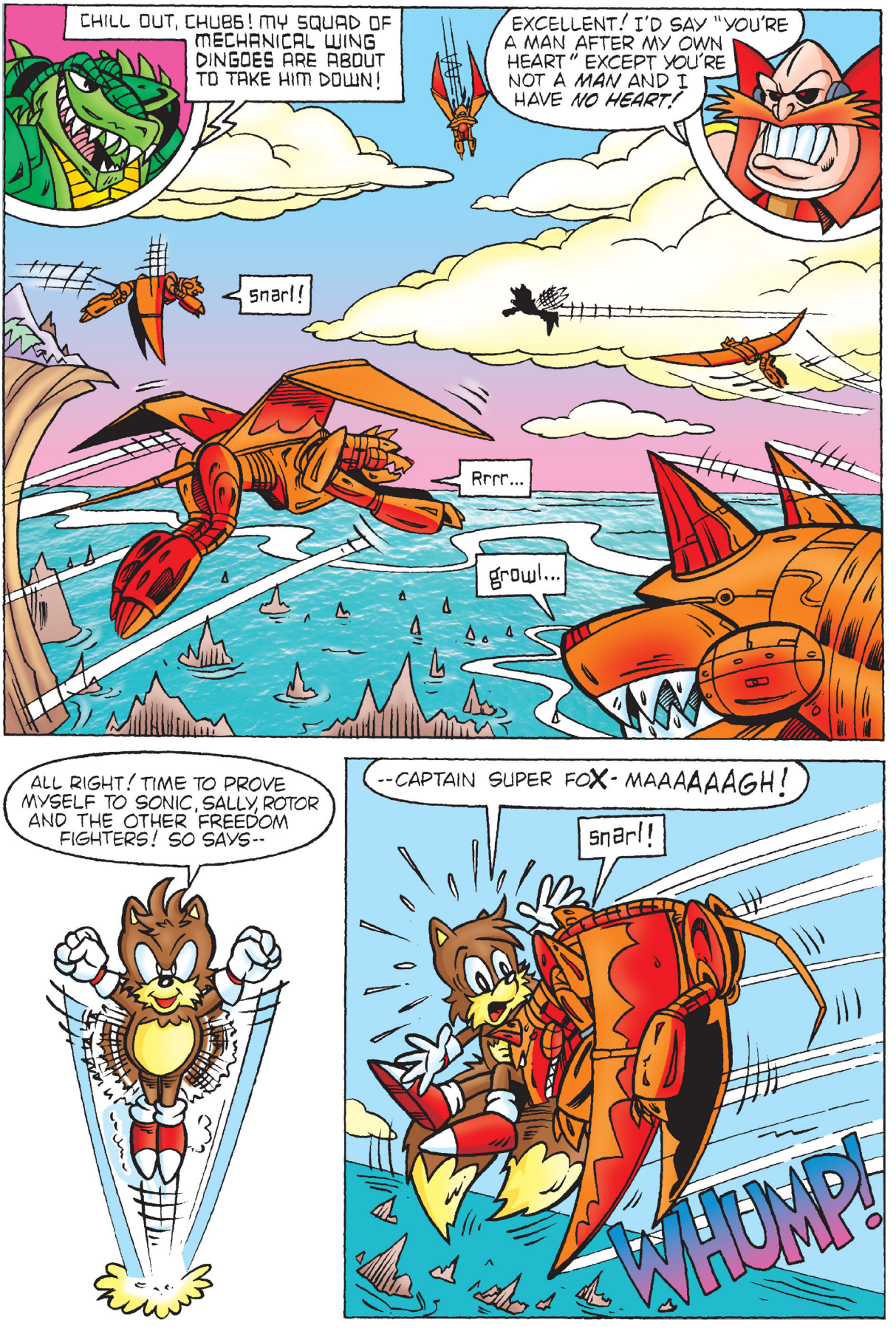
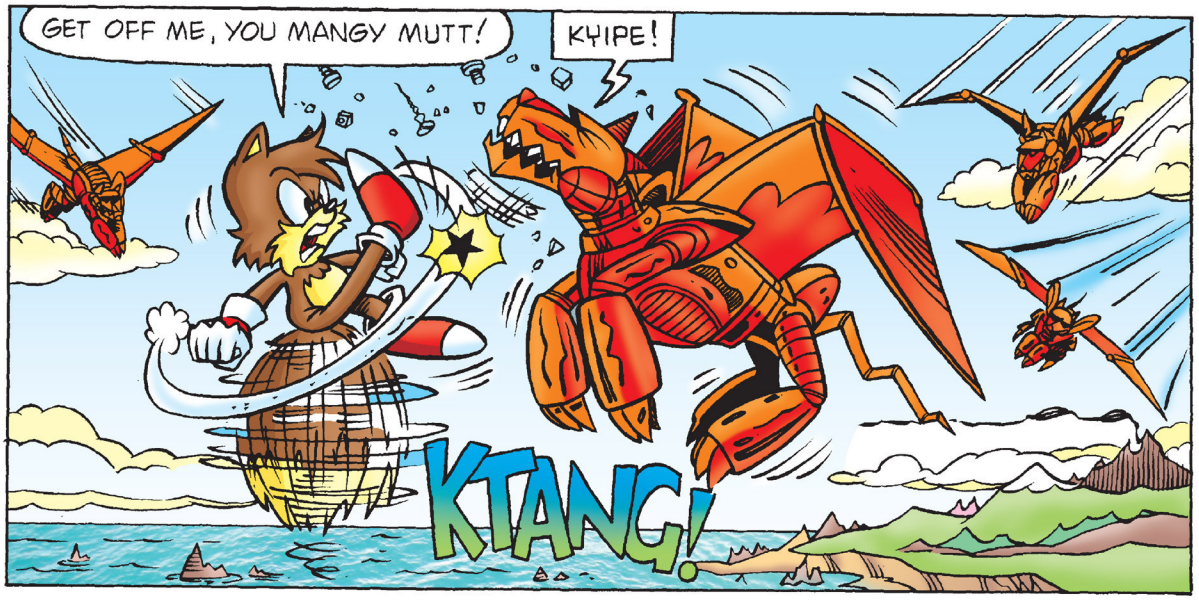
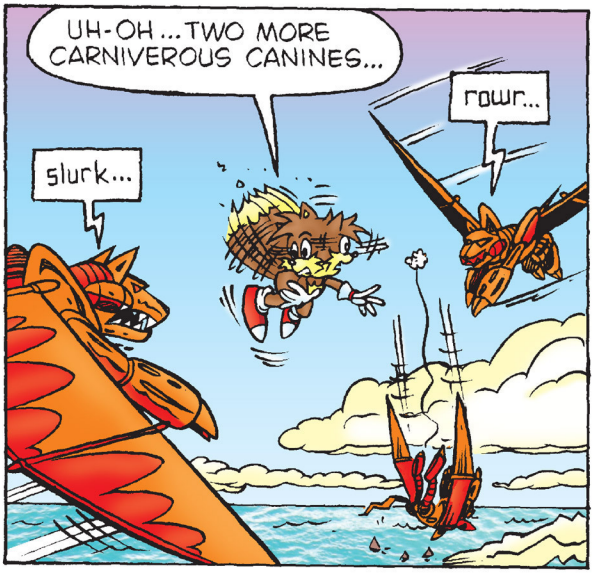
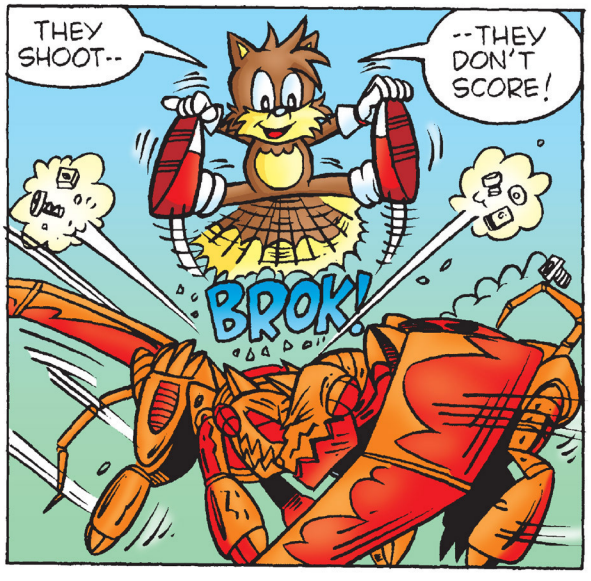

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I CAN GET... THE WATER'S TOO SHALLOW!
NO PROBLEM!
SO LONG, TAILS!
GOODBYE, FLUKE... SO LONG, RAY! THANKS A MILLION!
BE CAREFUL, KID!
"KID" INDEED... I'VE TRAINED WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! ROBOTNIK'S NEW FLUNKY WON'T EVEN SEE ME COMING!
AT THAT MOMENT...
I SEE HIM COMING!
ALERT
AN INTRUDER?
YEAH... BUT DON'T WORRY! HE WON'T GET PAST ME!
ALERT

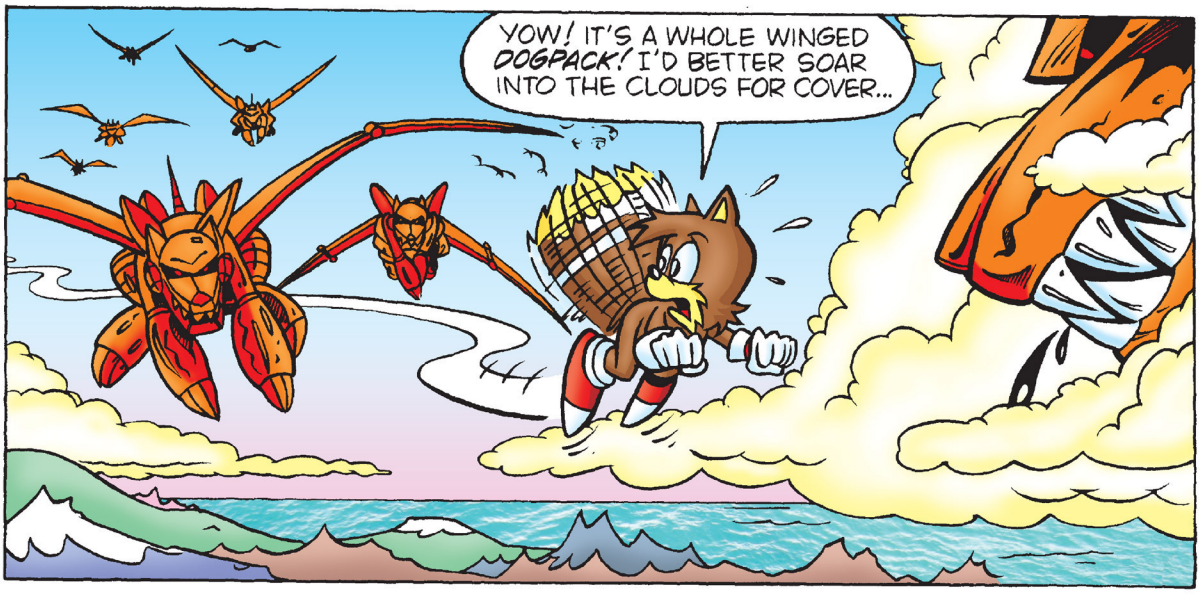

CROCBOT ISN'T ABOUT TO LET SOME HOT SHOT HERO INTERFERE WITH THE DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES I'M GETTING FROM YOU, ROBOTNIK!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT, MY SCALY UNDERBOSS!
ALERT
AUTO INTERCEPT ENGAGED...
I SENT THAT BLIMP TO DOWNUNDA SO YOU COULD ESTABLISH YOURSELF AS MY REGIONAL DICTATOR! YOU MUST CRUSH ANY AND ALL OPPOSITION, CROCBOT!
THAT'S MY PLAN, MATE!
IT'S ALSO MY PLAN TO BETRAY YOU AND RULE MOBIUS ALONE!
R.D.S.

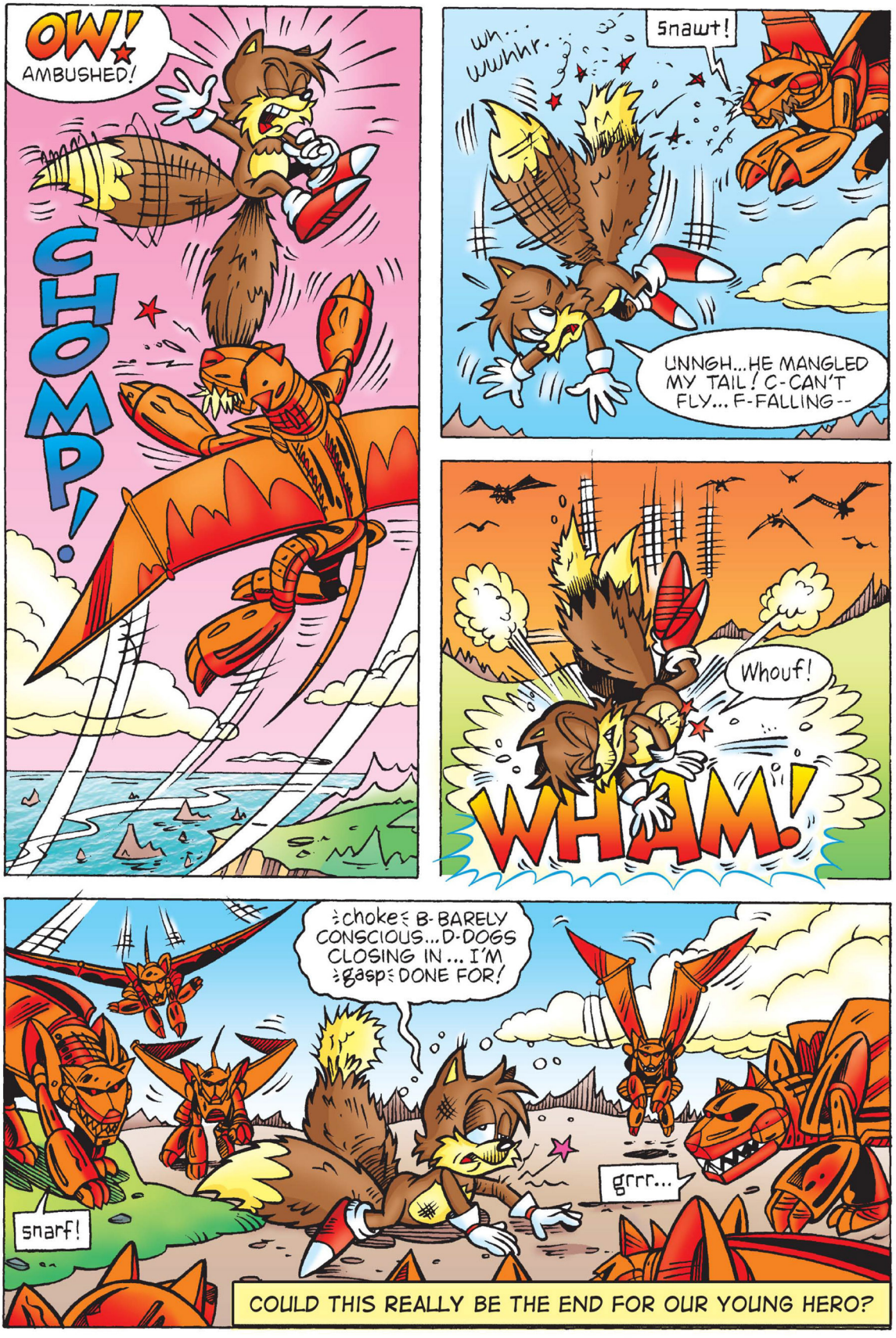

CHILL OUT, CHUBB! MY SQUAD OF MECHANICAL WING DINGOES ARE ABOUT TO TAKE HIM DOWN!
EXCELLENT! I'D SAY "YOU'RE A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART" EXCEPT YOU'RE NOT A MAN AND I HAVE NO HEART!
snarl!
Rrrr...
growl...
ALL RIGHT! TIME TO PROVE MYSELF TO SONIC, SALLY, ROTOR AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS! SO SAYS--
--CAPTAIN SUPER FOX- MAAAAAAGH!
snarl!
WHUMP!


GET OFF ME, YOU MANGY MUTT!
KYIPE!
KTANG!


UH-OH ...TWO MORE CARNIVEROUS CANINES...
rowr...
slurk...


THEY SHOOT--
--THEY DON'T SCORE!
BROK!


YOW! IT'S A WHOLE WINGED DOGPACK! I'D BETTER SOAR INTO THE CLOUDS FOR COVER...


OW!
AMBUSHED!
CHOMP!
uh... wuhhr...
snawt!
UNNGH...HE MANGLED MY TAIL! C-CAN'T FLY... F-FALLING--
Whouf!
WHAM!
:choke: B-BARELY CONSCIOUS...D-DOGS CLOSING IN... I'M :gasp: DONE FOR!
grrr...
snarf!
COULD THIS REALLY BE THE END FOR OUR YOUNG HERO?

NOT IF THE *DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS* CAN HELP IT, MATE!

CHARGE!

WHOP!

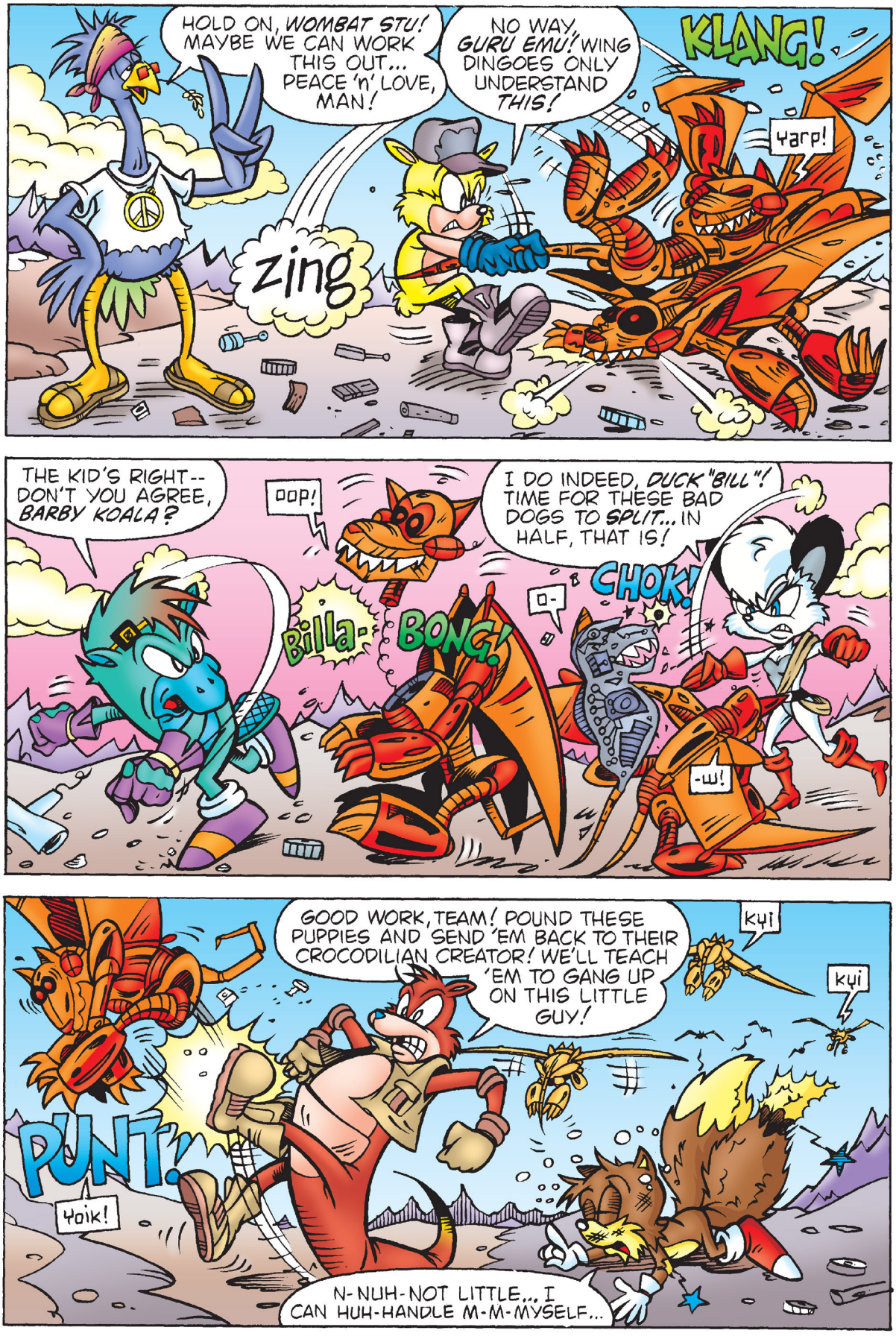
Yarmf!

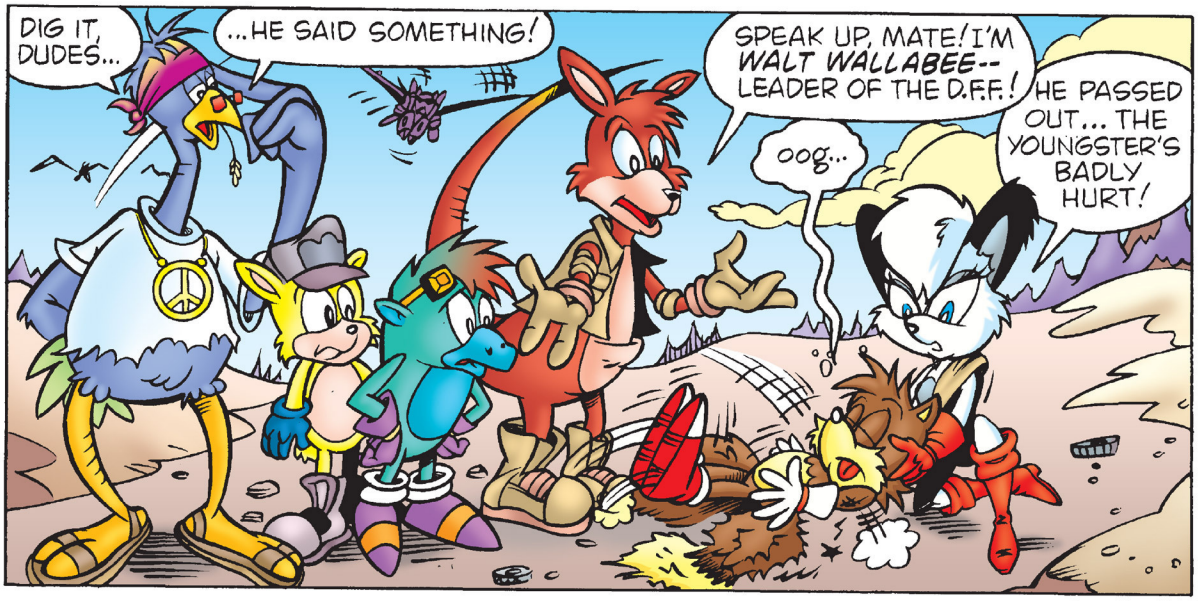
F-FUH-FREEDOM F-F-FIGHTERS?..

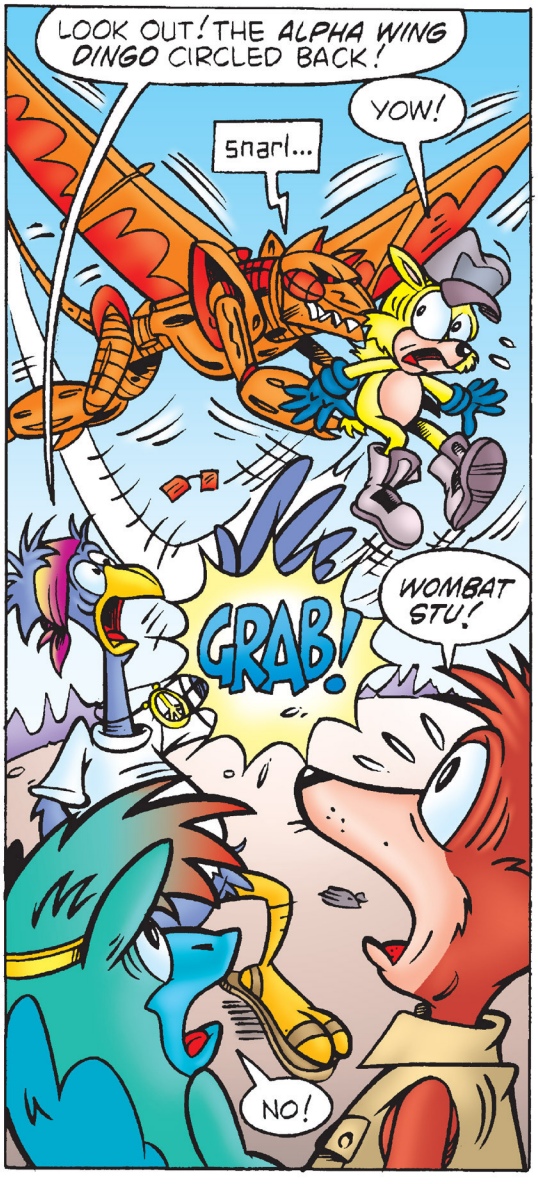
PWAK!

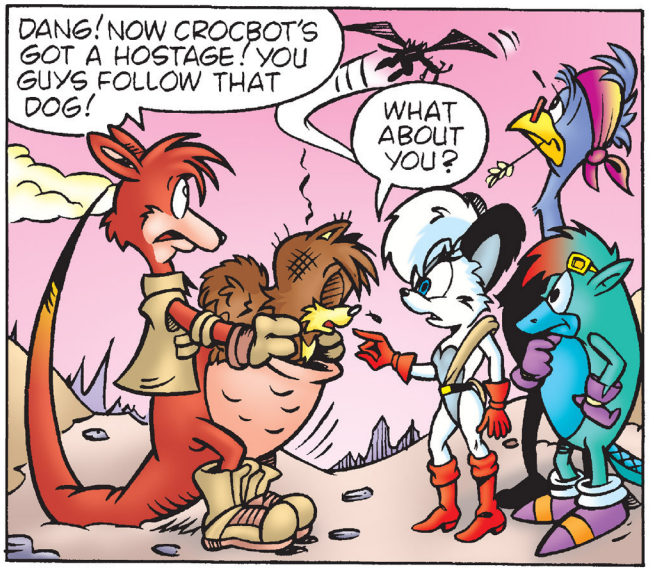
hrrr...

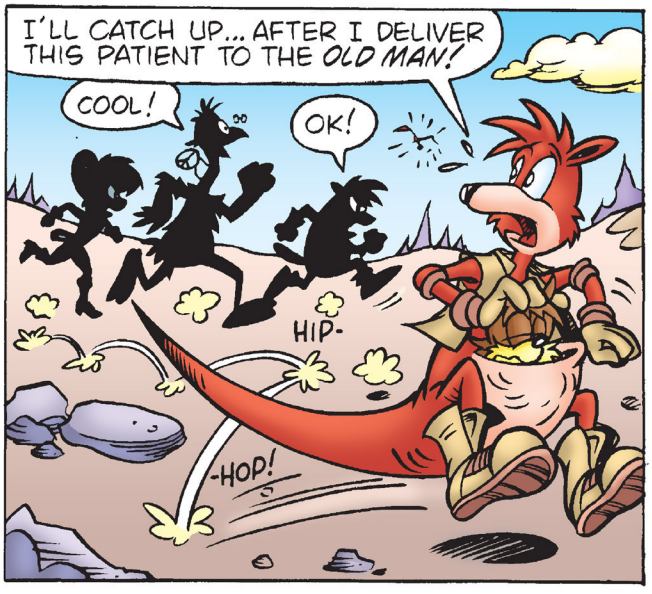
growr!

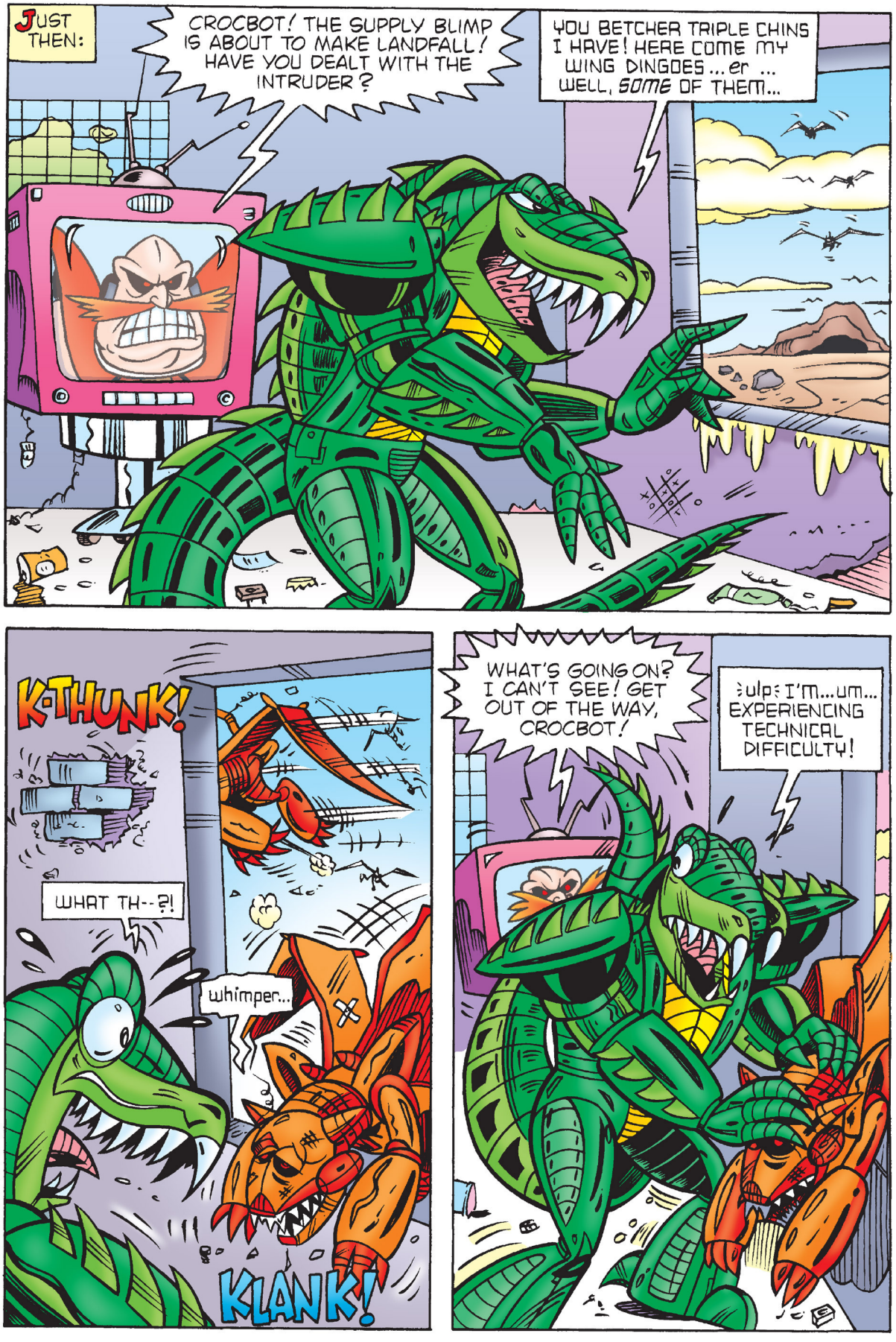

HOLD ON, WOMBAT STU! MAYBE WE CAN WORK THIS OUT... PEACE 'n' LOVE, MAN!
NO WAY, GURU EMU! WING DINGOES ONLY UNDERSTAND THIS!
KLANG!
yarp!
zing
THE KID'S RIGHT-- DON'T YOU AGREE, BARBY KOALA?
oop!
I DO INDEED, DUCK "BILL"! TIME FOR THESE BAD DOGS TO SPLIT... IN HALF, THAT IS!
CHOK!
Billa-
BONG!
o-
-w!
GOOD WORK, TEAM! POUND THESE PUPPIES AND SEND 'EM BACK TO THEIR CROCODILIAN CREATOR! WE'LL TEACH 'EM TO GANG UP ON THIS LITTLE GUY!
kyi
kyi
PUNT!
yoik!
N-NUH-NOT LITTLE... I CAN HUH-HANDLE M-M-MYSELF...

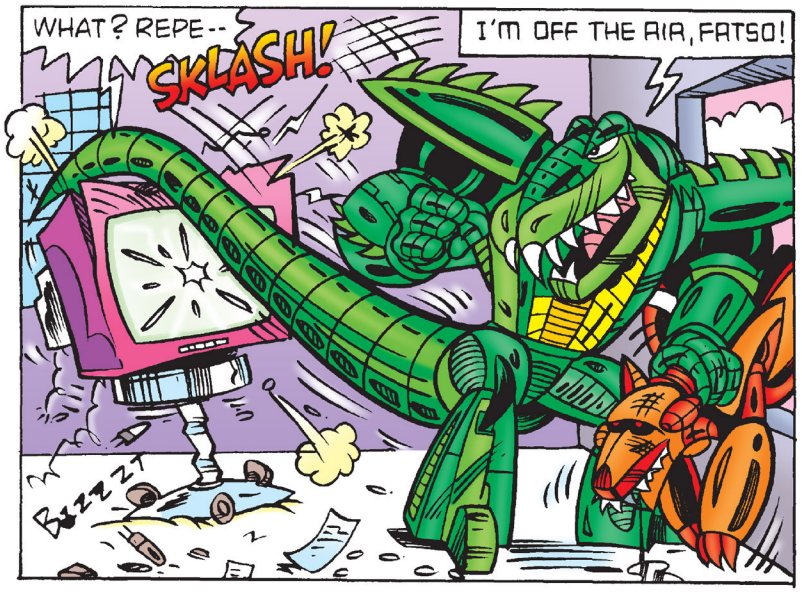

DIG IT, DUDES...
...HE SAID SOMETHING!
SPEAK UP, MATE! I'M WALT WALLABEE-- LEADER OF THE D.F.F.!
oog...
HE PASSED OUT... THE YOUNGSTER'S BADLY HURT!


LOOK OUT! THE ALPHA WING DINGO CIRCLED BACK!
YOW!
snarl...
GRAB!
WOMBAT STU!
NO!

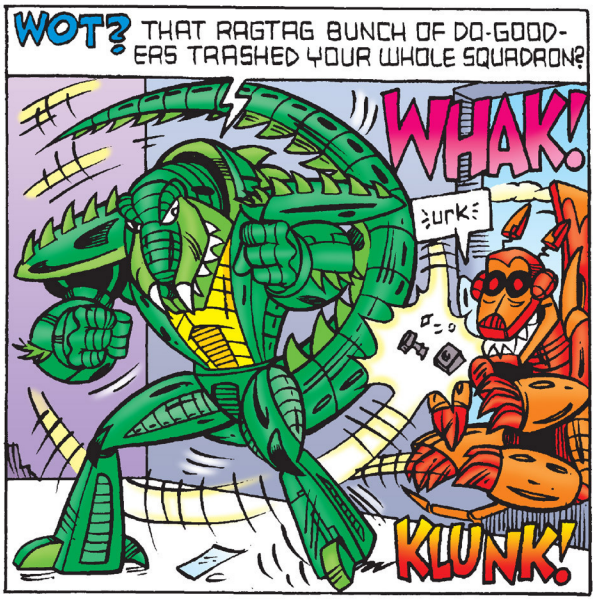

DANG! NOW CROCBOT'S GOT A HOSTAGE! YOU GUYS FOLLOW THAT DOG!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

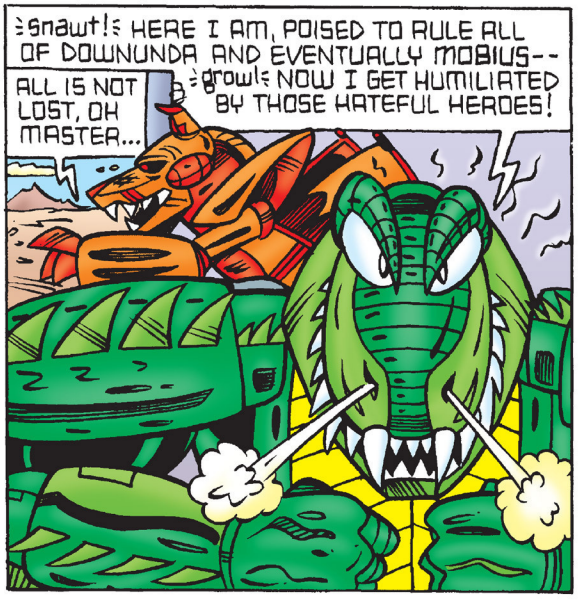

I'LL CATCH UP... AFTER I DELIVER THIS PATIENT TO THE OLD MAN!
COOL!
OK!
HIP-
-HOP!

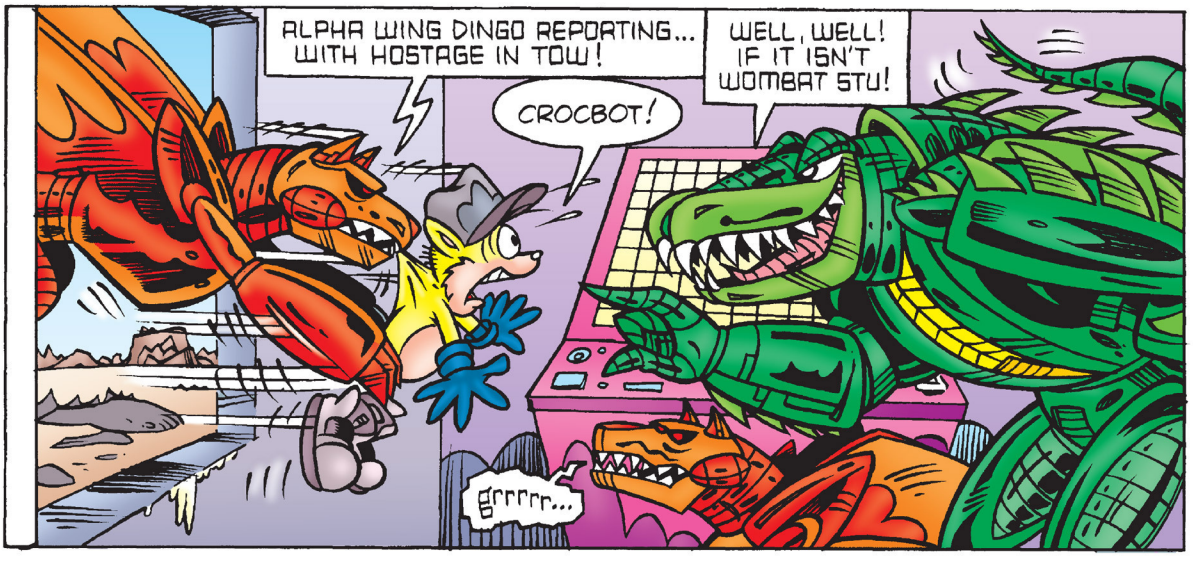

JUST THEN:
CROCBOT! THE SUPPLY BLIMP IS ABOUT TO MAKE LANDFALL! HAVE YOU DEALT WITH THE INTRUDER?
YOU BETCHER TRIPLE CHINS I HAVE! HERE COME MY WING DINGOES... er ... WELL, SOME OF THEM...
K-THUNK!
WHAT TH--?!
whimper...
KLANK!
WHAT'S GOING ON? I CAN'T SEE! GET OUT OF THE WAY, CROCBOT!
ulp! I'M...um... EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY!

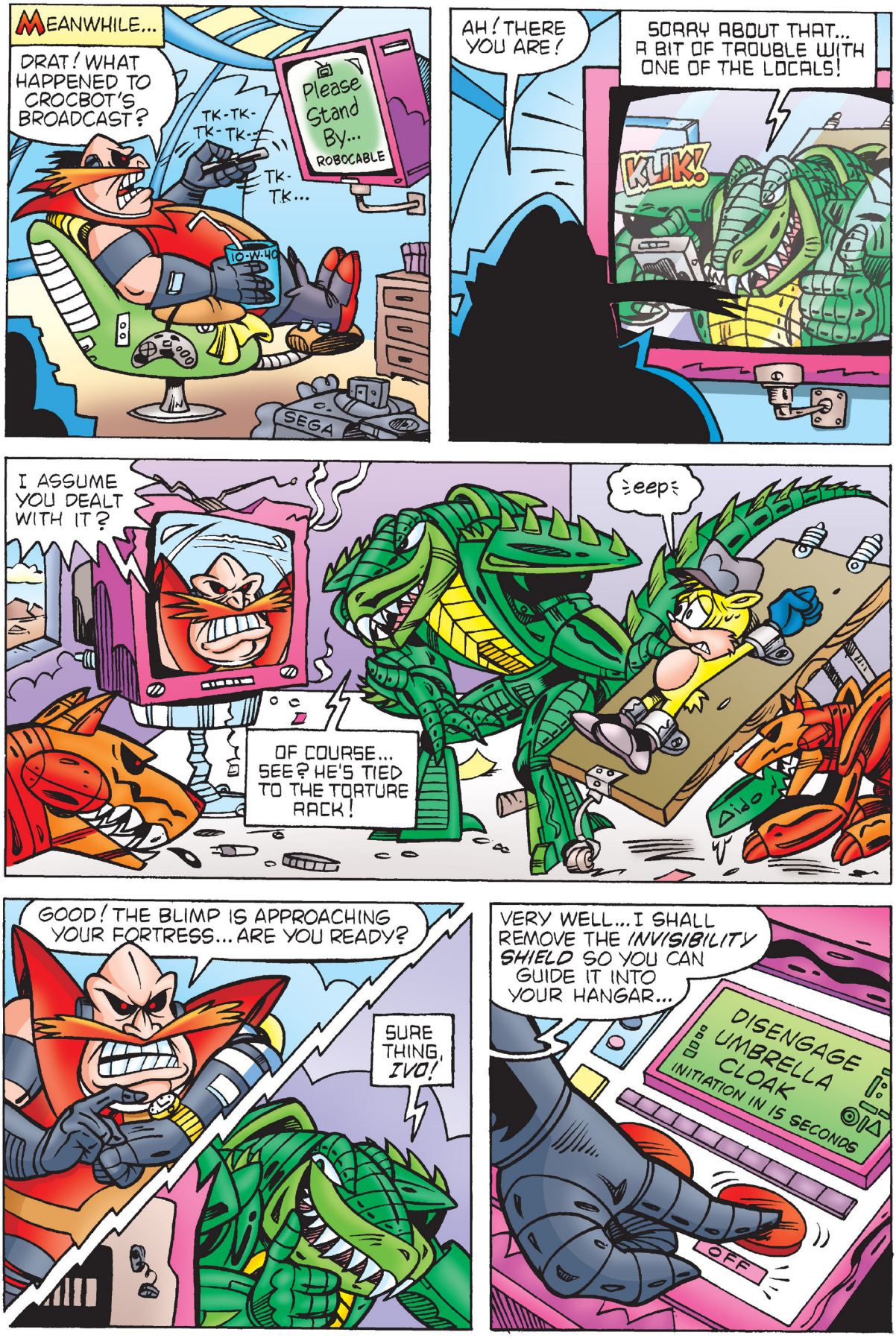

WHAT? REPE--
SKLASH!
I'M OFF THE AIR, FATSO!
BZZZZT

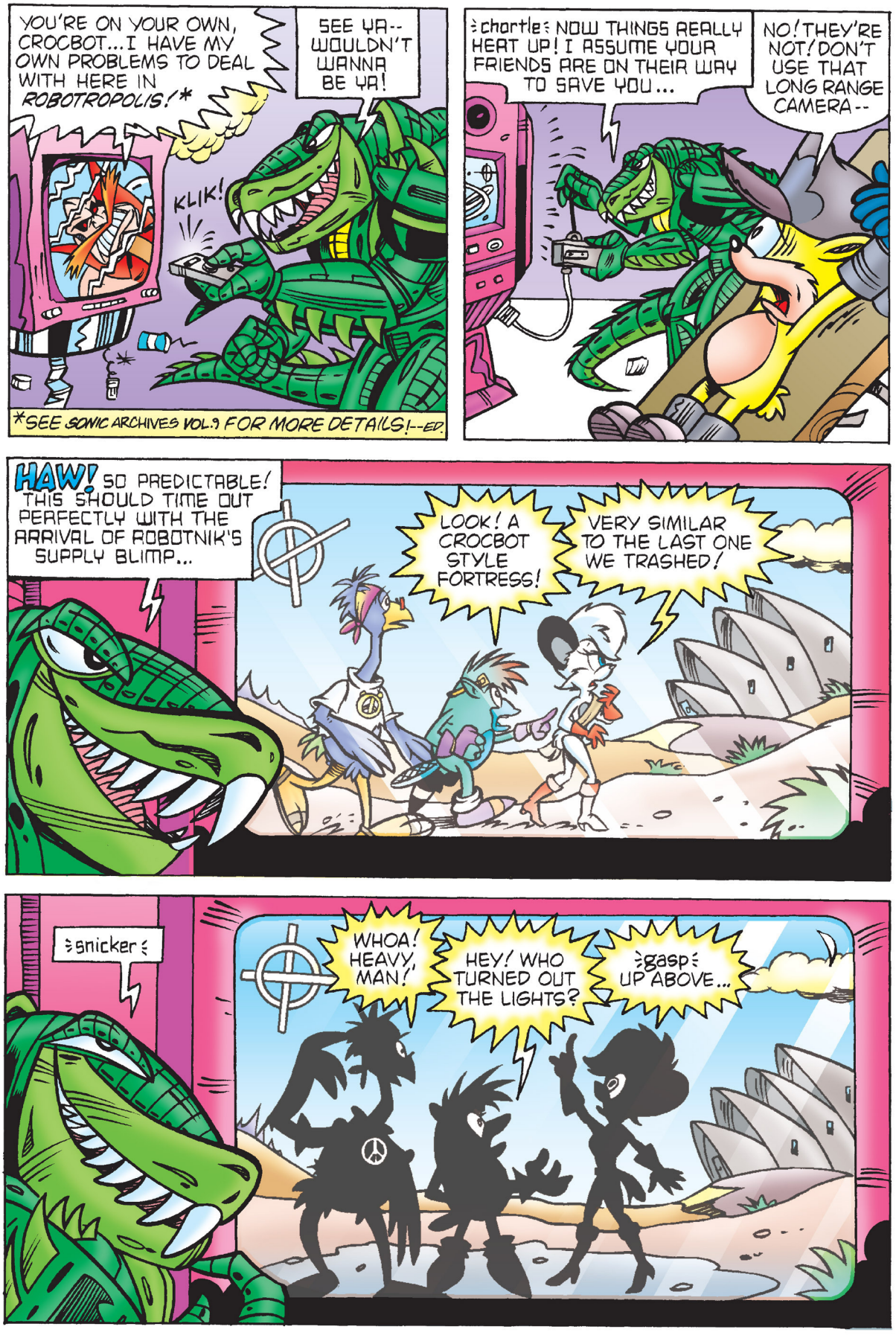
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD?
:whimper: FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

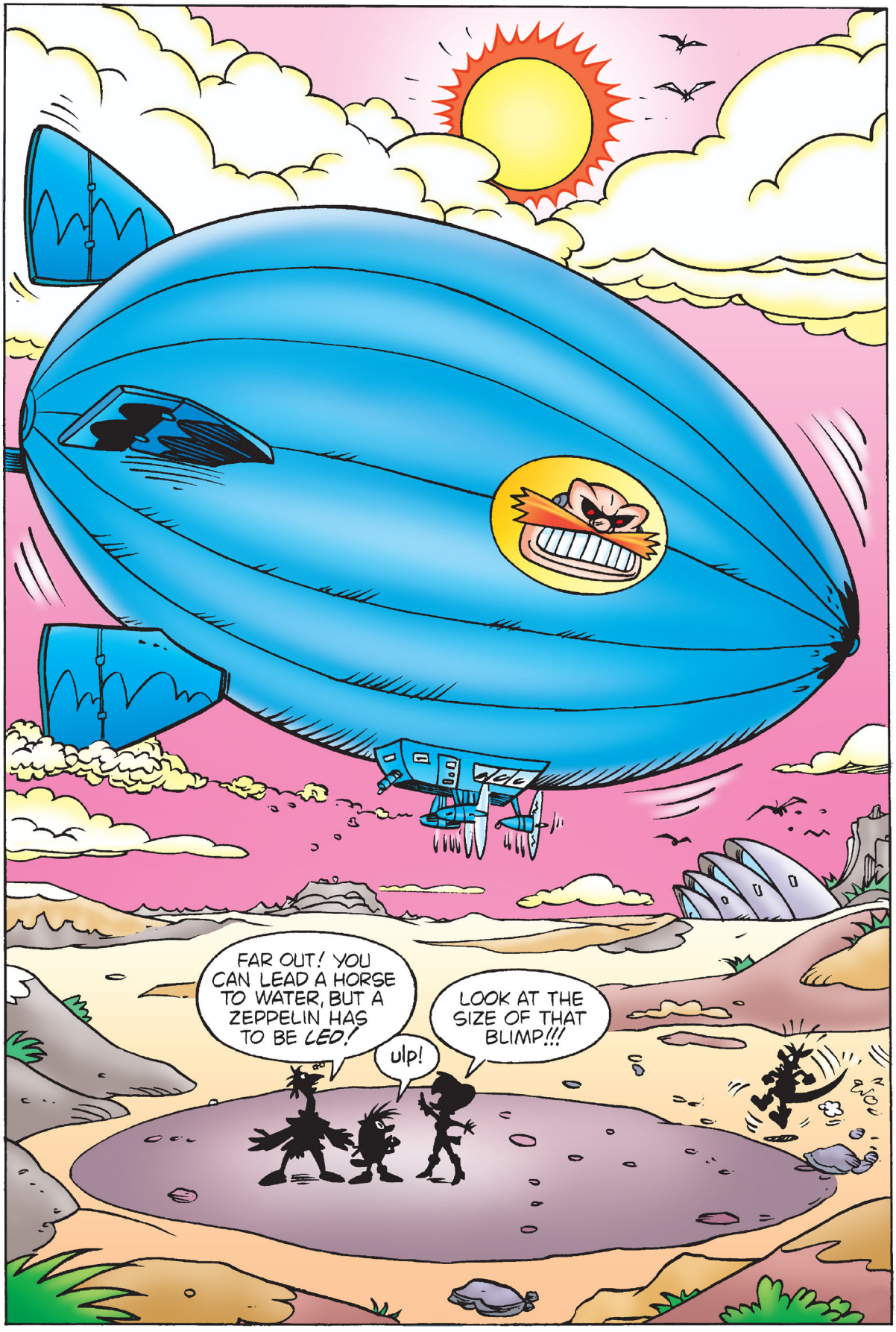

WOT? THAT RAGTAG BUNCH OF DO-GOOD-ERS TRASHED YOUR WHOLE SQUADRON?
WHAK!
:urk:
KLUNK!

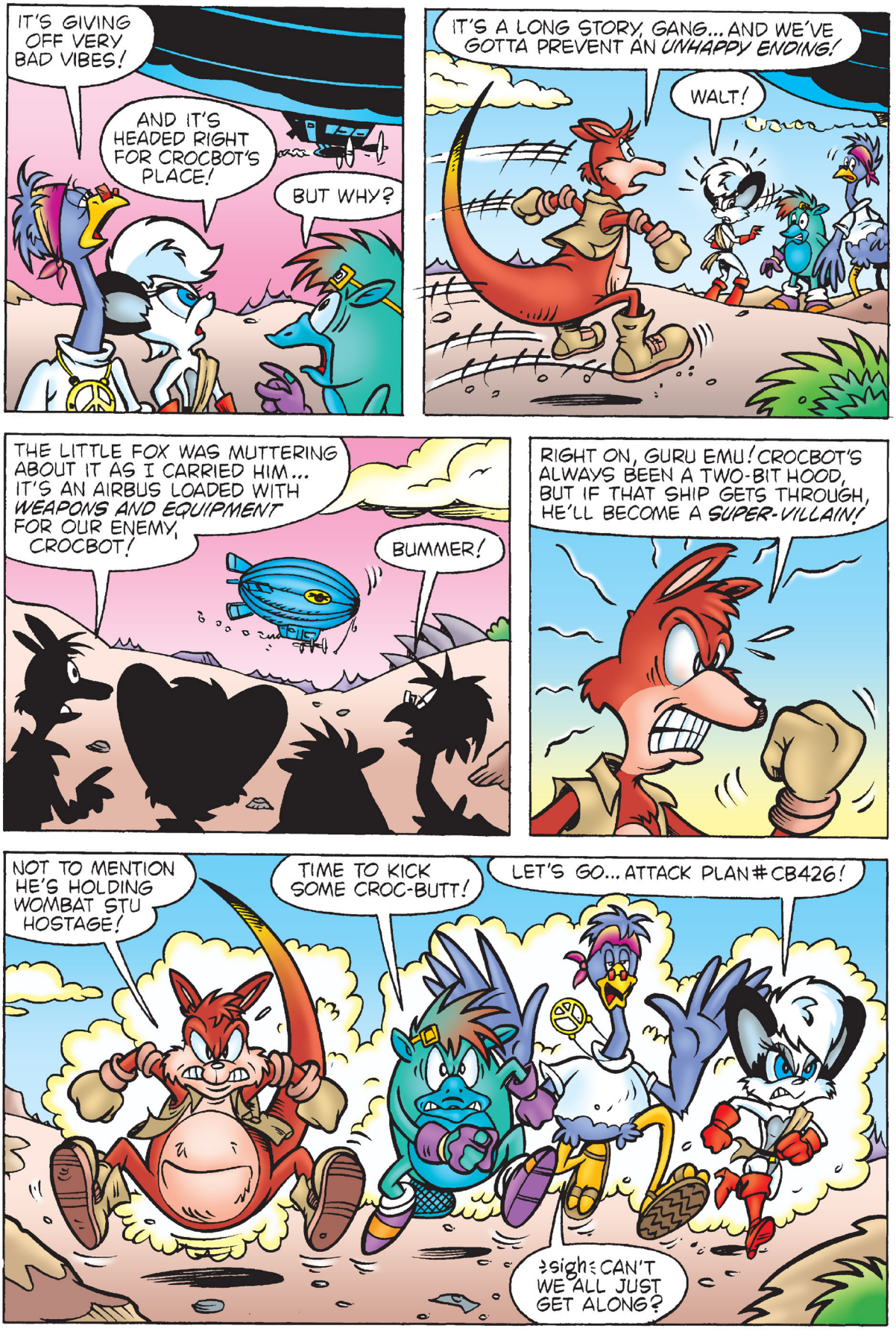

:snawt!: HERE I AM, POISED TO RULE ALL OF DOWNUNDA AND EVENTUALLY MOBIUS--
ALL IS NOT LOST, OH MASTER...
:growl: NOW I GET HUMILIATED BY THOSE HATEFUL HEROES!


ALPHA WING DINGO REPORTING... WITH HOSTAGE IN TOW!
CROCBOT!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T WOMBAT STU!
grrrrr...

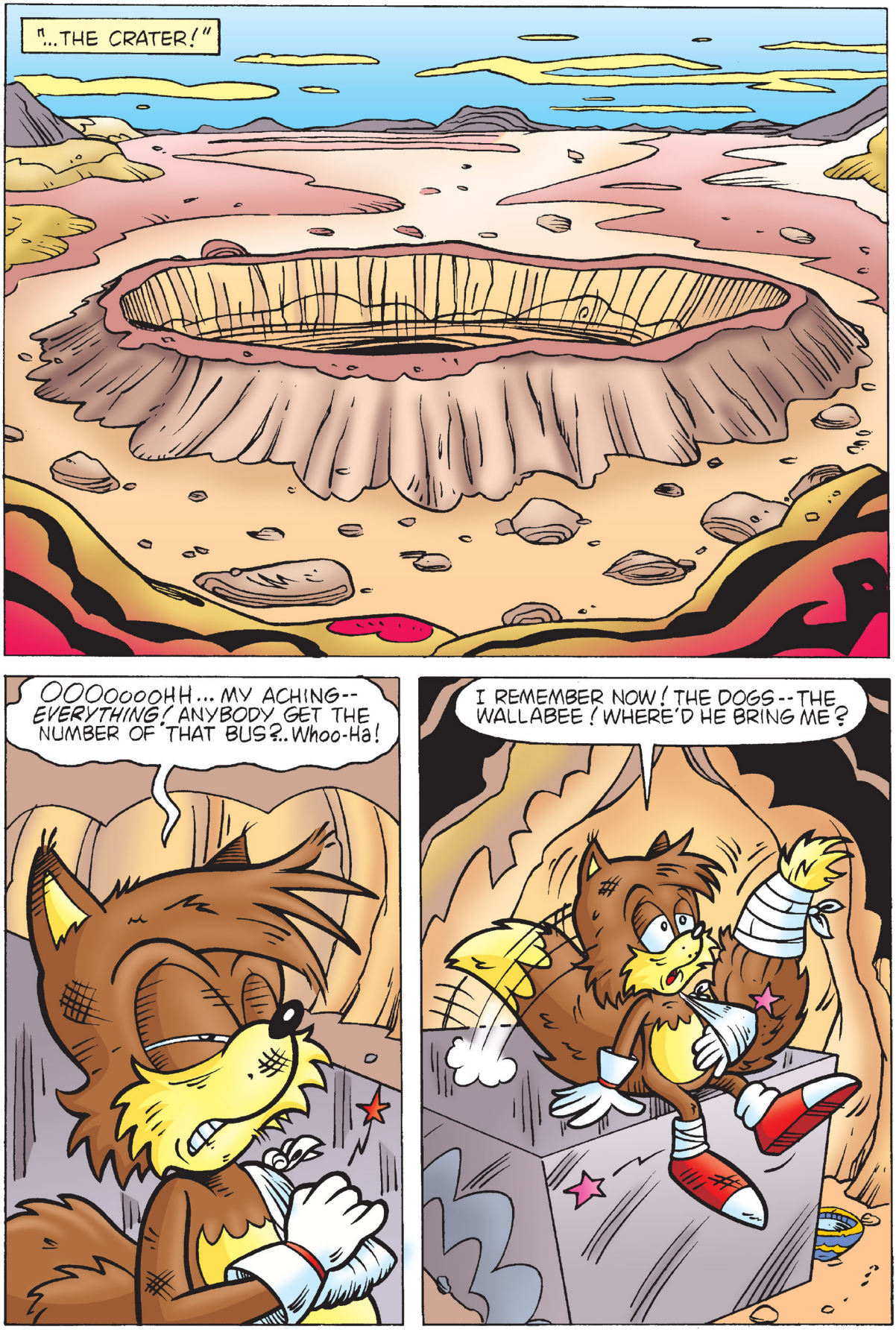

MEANWHILE...
DRAT! WHAT HAPPENED TO CROCBOT'S BROADCAST?
TK-TK-TK-TK-
TK-TK...
Please Stand By... ROBOCABLE
10-W-40
SEGA
AH! THERE YOU ARE!
SORRY ABOUT THAT... A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH ONE OF THE LOCALS!
KLIK!
I ASSUME YOU DEALT WITH IT?
:eep:
OF COURSE... SEE? HE'S TIED TO THE TORTURE RACK!
DIDN'T
GOOD! THE BLIMP IS APPROACHING YOUR FORTRESS... ARE YOU READY?
SURE THING, IVO!
VERY WELL... I SHALL REMOVE THE INVISIBILITY SHIELD SO YOU CAN GUIDE IT INTO YOUR HANGAR...
DISENGAGE UMBRELLA CLOAK
INITIATION IN 15 SECONDS
OFF

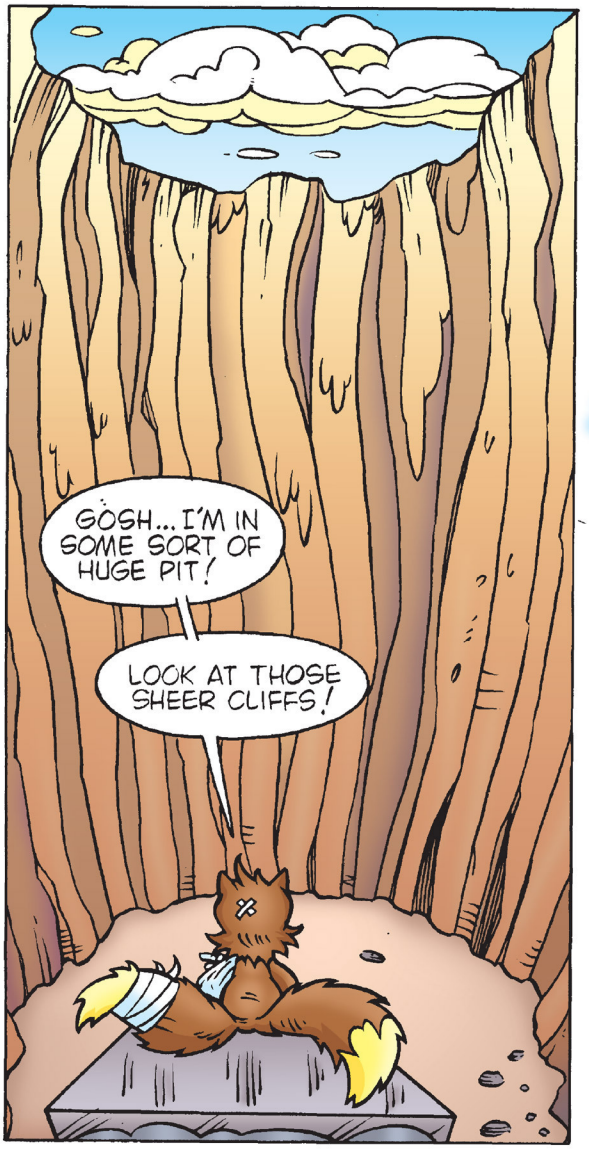

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, CROCBOT...I HAVE MY OWN PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH HERE IN ROBOTROPOLIS!*
SEE YA--WOULDN'T WANNA BE YA!
KLIK!
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.9 FOR MORE DETAILS!--ED.
:chortle: NOW THINGS REALLY HEAT UP! I ASSUME YOUR FRIENDS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO SAVE YOU...
NO! THEY'RE NOT! DON'T USE THAT LONG RANGE CAMERA--
HAW! SO PREDICTABLE! THIS SHOULD TIME OUT PERFECTLY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ROBOTNIK'S SUPPLY BLIMP...
LOOK! A CROCBOT STYLE FORTRESS!
VERY SIMILAR TO THE LAST ONE WE TRASHED!
:snicker:
WHOA! HEAVY, MAN!
HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
:gasp: UP ABOVE...

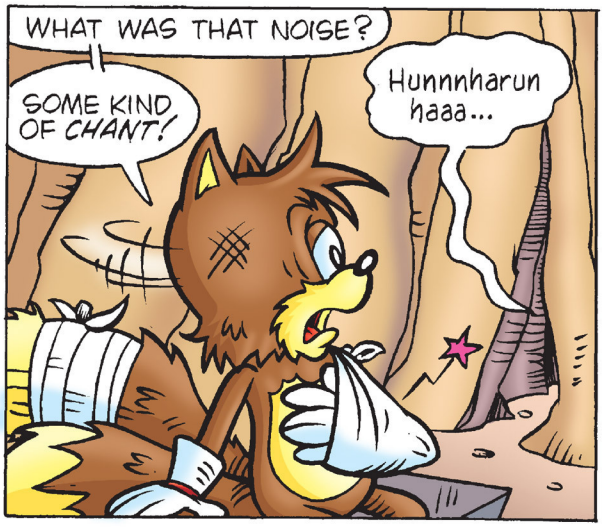

FAR OUT! YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT A ZEPPELIN HAS TO BE *LED!*
ulp!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT BLIMP!!!

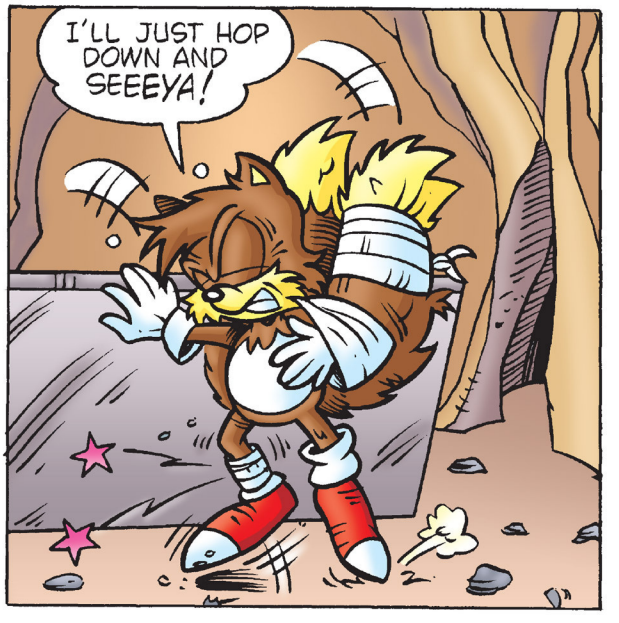

IT'S GIVING OFF VERY BAD VIBES!
AND IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR CROCBOT'S PLACE!
BUT WHY?
IT'S A LONG STORY, GANG... AND WE'VE GOTTA PREVENT AN UNHAPPY ENDING!
WALT!
THE LITTLE FOX WAS MUTTERING ABOUT IT AS I CARRIED HIM... IT'S AN AIRBUS LOADED WITH WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OUR ENEMY, CROCBOT!
BUMMER!
RIGHT ON, GURU EMU! CROCBOT'S ALWAYS BEEN A TWO-BIT HOOD, BUT IF THAT SHIP GETS THROUGH, HE'LL BECOME A SUPER-VILLAIN!
NOT TO MENTION HE'S HOLDING WOMBAT STU HOSTAGE!
TIME TO KICK SOME CROC-BUTT!
LET'S GO... ATTACK PLAN #CB426!
sigh CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

:chuckle: THEY'RE DEPLOYING INTO FORMATION...
YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! DOWNUNDA MUST BE FREE!
OH, MY PLANS GO FAR BEYOND THIS PUNY CONTINENT, LITTLE ONE!
WH-WHAT DO Y-YOU MEAN?
ONCE I UNLOAD THAT BLIMP AND REPROGRAM ROBOTNIK'S SWATBOTS TO SERVE ME, I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL CREATURE ON MOBIUS...
...A PITY YOU WON'T BE HERE TO SEE IT!
STAY BACK... D-DON'T...
AIEEEEEEEEE!
THAT WAS STU SCREAMING!
ABANDON THE ATTACK PLAN... FULL SPEED AHEAD!
TOO BAD WE DON'T HAVE THAT FIESTY LITTLE FOX TO HELP US!
HE'S UNAVAILABLE! WALT TOOK HIM TO...


"...THE CRATER!"
OOOOoooHH... MY ACHING-- EVERYTHING! ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER OF THAT BUS?..Whoo-Ha!
I REMEMBER NOW! THE DOGS--THE WALLABEE! WHERE'D HE BRING ME?


GOSH... I'M IN SOME SORT OF HUGE PIT!
LOOK AT THOSE SHEER CLIFFS!


WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
SOME KIND OF CHANT!
Hunnnharun haaa...


I'LL JUST HOP DOWN AND SEEEYA!

MAN! I'M MORE INJURED THAN I THOUGHT! BUT I'VE GOTTA SEE WHO'S DOWN THAT PASSAGEWAY!
Hunnnha-Hoooo

HELLO?
HELLOOOO HELLOOO
Hellooo
Hellooo
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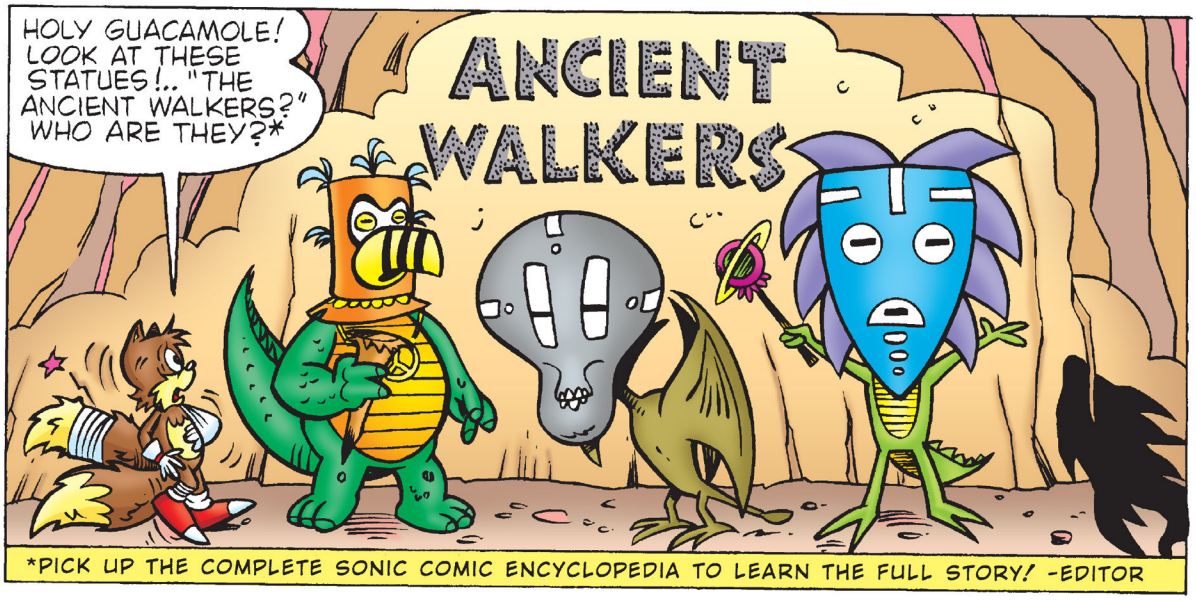
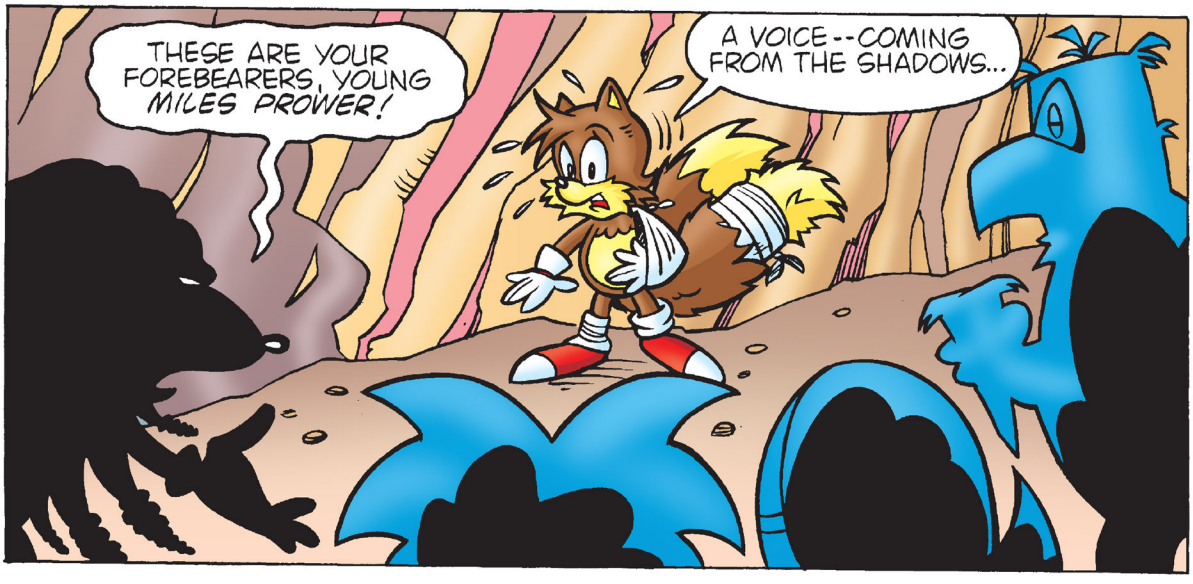
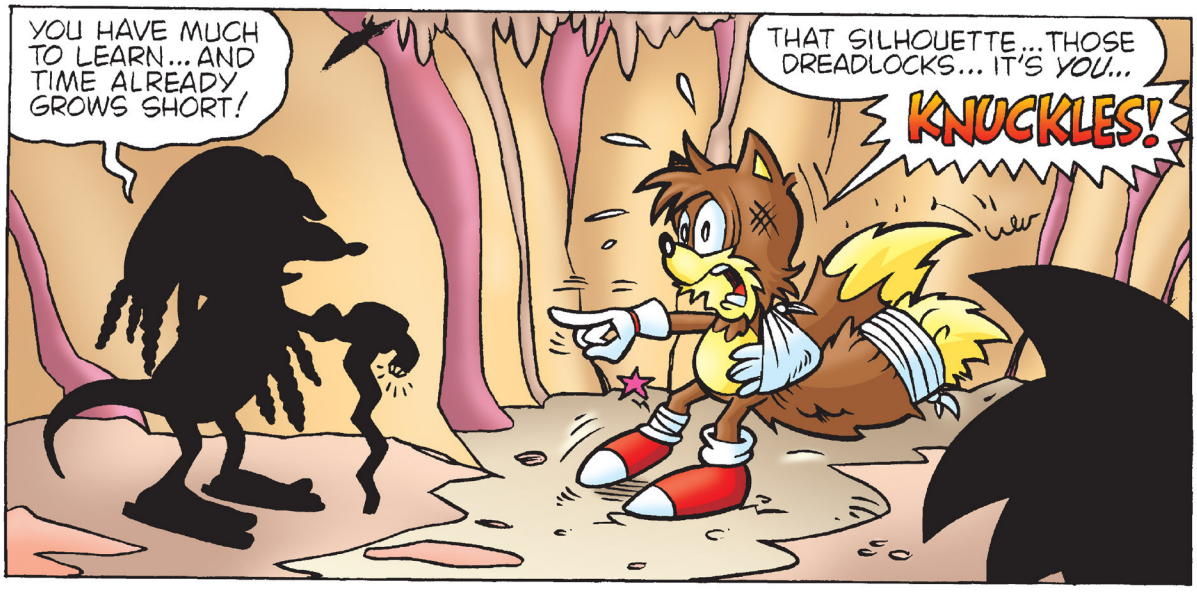

HOLY GUACAMOLE! LOOK AT THESE STATUES!.. "THE ANCIENT WALKERS?" WHO ARE THEY?*
ANCIENT WALKERS
*PICK UP THE COMPLETE SONIC COMIC ENCYCLOPEDIA TO LEARN THE FULL STORY! -EDITOR


THESE ARE YOUR FOREBEARERS, YOUNG MILES PROWER!
A VOICE--COMING FROM THE SHADOWS...


YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN... AND TIME ALREADY GROWS SHORT!
THAT SILHOUETTE...THOSE DREADLOCKS... IT'S YOU...
KNUCKLES!

NO... I AM NOT THE ECHIDNA WHO *GUARDS* THE *FLOATING ISLAND*... THOUGH MY BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH HIS VEINS!
AND WHAT OF YOUR BLOOD DOUBLE TAIL? ARE YOU INDEED THE CHOSEN ONE?
WE SHALL KNOW-- WE *MUST* KNOW! YOU ARE MINE... BODY AND SOUL! SO SPEAKS...
ATHAIR!
:gulp!:
"GULP" INDEED! WHO IS THIS WEIRD OLD GUY AND WHAT ARE HIS *INTENTIONS?* WILL TAILS BE ABLE TO REJOIN THE *DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS* IN THEIR FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH *CROCBOT?* BEYOND THAT, WILL HE EVER GO HOME?
COMING UP NEXT!

TAILS
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
PIN UP